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Plot leaders flee

Thai coup crushed

BANGKOK, April 3 (AP) — Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda crushed a two-day-old coup by rebel generals Friday morning, sending thousands of troops into Bangkok to seize army and government headquarters, the airport and all radio and television stations.

The coup claimed only one life, a civilian killed by a stray bullet as he was driving by the royal palace on a motorcycle, military and official sources said.

Four rebel soldiers were wounded in the same shooting incident, the sources said. They claimed the rebels fired at loyalist troops surrounding the palace and were hit when the loyalists fired back.

Prem's troops had complete control less than two hours after they began moving in, first closing the airport and then sweeping toward the center of the city. A radio announcement by Prem's forces said: "There has been a compromise. All those misguided troops have left their positions. Now some misguided commanders are under protection and are being treated with honor."

Prem's radio also said 59-year-old rebel leader Gen. Sant Chitpatima and his main supporter, first army commander Lt.-Gen. Vasin Israngkul Na Ayutaya, had fled the country. Military and embassy sources said later the two plotters had flown to neighboring Burma by helicopter. The report said four other coup leaders were under government "protection."

Government forces surrounded the last band of about 300 rebels at army headquarters after an hour-long standoff, the rebels surrendered without a fight. Thousands of civilians who had gathered in the area cheered and waved as the holdouts boarded trucks that were to take them to their barracks, witnesses said.

The 60-year-old Prem — who fled the capital with the entire royal family after the pre-dawn coup Wednesday and went to Korat, 150 miles of the northeast — had broadcast by radio warning for all civilians to move at least half a mile from government house and army headquarters in the center of the city, where the coup leaders had their command post.

Weinberger set for Europe trip

By Susan I. Gray
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 3 — Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger goes to Europe today for talks with European allies and one of the topics of conversation is likely to be a controversial U.S. plan to place the command of the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force (RDF) in Europe.

Weinberger has been expected to issue a decision on a new command structure for America's year-old quick strike force, but Pentagon officials now say that decision will not come until after the defense secretary's seven-day European trip. Three of the members of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff are believed to have recommended that the command control for the force be placed in Gen. P.N. Kelley in Stuttgart, Germany.

As streets, quickly emptied and businesses closed their doors, the government soldiers took over all of the city's 30 or more radio and television stations. Several thousand troops of the 21st infantry, the king's body guard, were stationed outside government buildings, setting up bunkers.

The coup began falling apart during the night. The head of the national police force, Gen. Montchai Pungkongchuen, defected from the rebels to the prime minister's side. The naval chief of staff denied he was part of the conspiracy. Airport officials said the airport was closed at 8 a.m. local time on orders from the adjacent Thai air force base. The air force has been loyal to Prem throughout the coup.

Before going off the air, Radio Thailand, controlled by the coup leaders, reported that Col. Prachuk Sawangchit, a prominent field commander backing the coup, had been arrested by the prime minister's forces.



CROSSING PORTRAIT: French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing crossing his large-size portrait on way to the Congress Palace where he was to meet supporters of his re-election campaign.

Italian flights hit

ROME, April 3 (AP) — The first of a series of severe labor unrest, expected to disrupt Italian air traffic throughout April, forced cancellation of most domestic and international flights of Italy's airline companies Alitalia and ATI at Rome's Leonardo Da Vinci Airport Friday.

The eight-hour strike was called by ground personnel to press demands for a new labor contract. Air traffic was normal in other Italian airports.

Walkouts by airport workers is expected to hamper both domestic and international flights of the Italian carriers from Monday through Friday next week. Alitalia and ATI pilots demanding sharp pay increases planned a one-week strike April 11-20 in a peak tourist period of Easter week. The almost daily labor unrest in Italy was manifested Friday in a four-hour walkout by employees of state-controlled telecommunication companies, including Italcable.

As popularity grows

Reagan maintains progress despite fever

WASHINGTON, April 3 (Agencies) — President Ronald Reagan developed a fever Friday morning, but doctors said this was a common development for patients recovering from injuries and surgery similar to the president's.

A White House medical bulletin said the president "continues to recover from his injury in a satisfactory manner," and that he "feels" refreshed and appears well rested after a good night's sleep.

But the bulletin, based on information provided by Dr. Dennis O'Leary, said "over the past several hours, the president has developed a moderate temperature elevation, an occurrence which is considered commonplace at this stage for patients recovering from injuries and surgery of this nature."

Despite some pain, Reagan is exercising, visiting with friends and performing limited official duties.

The bullet could have blown up at any time, even while doctors were removing it from the president's chest Monday night, FBI spokesman Roger Young said Thursday. But Young said the bullet that ricocheted off the president's limousine and lodged in Reagan's left lungs never exploded although the one that pierced Press Secretary James S. Brady's brain apparently did. Brady remained in critical condition, but was reported making satisfactory progress.

Reagan took four walks around his hospital suite Thursday morning while life support tubes remained fixed in his chest and nose. He told two visiting senators: "I found out it hurts to get shot."

Meanwhile, John W. Hinckley Jr., charged with attempting to assassinate Reagan, was found competent to stand trial. He wore a white bulletproof vest during a court appearance Thursday and was ordered to remain in an institution for further sanity tests while a federal grand jury investigates the charges against him.

In a graphic testimony before a Senate subcommittee Jerry Parr, chief of the White House Secret Service Detail, said he believes his fellow agent, Timothy McCarthy, deliberately took a shot which otherwise would have struck Parr or Reagan. McCarthy "responded to the first shot. He interposed himself between the assailant and the president. He probably saved his (Reagan's) life and my life," Parr said.

McCarthy, who was wounded in the liver, was in good condition at the hospital. "I heard the gunfire," the 50-year-old Parr said. "I moved the president down and to the left and into the car." He and I landed on the transmission rise between the two seats. He indicated chest pain. The agent behind me slammed the door. "I told the driver to leave rapidly. I was in the back seat with the president. I pushed him up to the right rear and ran by hands over his body, his arms, his back. "He complained I hurt his ribs," Parr said.

The agent testified he initially ordered the limousine to go to the White House, but then Reagan "complained of pain and was short of breath. He got ashen in color. "He started coughing up a little blood. It was bright red. I knew that it was oxygenated," Parr said, meaning the blood was mixed with oxygen.

When they arrived at the hospital, Parr said

Reveals ongoing dialogue with Moscow

Saud urges U.S. policy change

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 3 — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal said he hoped the Reagan administration would give the Middle East problem greater attention and deeper understanding so that it may arrive at a just solution of its basic element which is that of the Palestinian people and their plight.

In an interview published today in the London-based *Al Majalla*, Prince Saud dismissed the Camp David accords between Egypt and Israel as "futile" and there was no sense in relying on them because they did not deal with the fundamental issues of the Arab-Israeli dispute. "Even the parties to the accords have abandoned them," he said "and the deal has been permitted to stagnate."

Prince Saud was asked about the government's attitude to the forthcoming visit of the American Secretary of State Gen. Alexander Haig who wants to discuss ways of containing the Soviet penetration of the region. He said he was not in a position to define America's priority options nor could the U.S. or the Soviet Union do that for others but he called on both superpowers to cooperate in solving the major political disputes in the world of which the Middle East problem comes uppermost.

He urged the U.S., in particular, to help solve this dispute by resorting to international principles of legitimacy and the right of self-determination for the Palestinian people. Although the Palestine Liberation Organization has not asked Saudi Arabia to "convey any message" to Haig, the Kingdom is committed to the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people," he said "it should talk to the Palestinians and recognize their representatives."

Saudi Arabia hopes that the Reagan administration would reassess its policies regarding the PLO and engage it in talks aimed at finding a solution.

Asked if Saudi Arabia had been disappointed by the Carter administration, Prince

Saud said the West including the U.S. had ignored the crucial issues of the Middle East question and based their approaches on unrealistic views. They overlooked the facts of an expansionist Zionist regime which is occupying the Arab territories and the displacement of the Palestinian people.

"The U.S. is based on certain moral principles and has wide ranging global responsibilities and we hope that its handling of the Middle East problem will be based on such values," he said.

Prince Saud revealed that there is an ongoing Saudi-Arabian Soviet dialogue and that diplomatic of both countries meet regularly in many parts of the world but he did not think that there are yet the "right circumstances to establish diplomatic relations."

Saudi Arabia recognizes the Soviet Union as its principal role in world affairs and hopes that it will play a positive and effective role in solving the Middle East question, he said. But he could find no justification whatsoever for the Soviet intervention and occupation in Afghanistan except as a step forward in the expansionist plans of the Soviet Union. He said both countries (Afghanistan and the Soviet Union) had been linked by many economic, military and security agreements. There was no foreign presence in Afghanistan to threaten the Soviet Union either. In spite of all this, the Soviets staged a communist takeover in Kabul and marched into the country in a naked invasion of this Muslim, non-aligned state. "This is the logic of the jungle, where the strong devour the weak and it can happen again in the future," he said.

Prince Saud then went on to discuss the security of the Gulf saying that it is the responsibility of its own states. He was asked to comment on recent statements by Haig and British Prime Minister Mr. Thatcher both of whom are due to come here this month.

"I would say that nobody has any interest in the Gulf except its own states, and any relations with others should be based on mutual interest, respect, and international

law and principles," he said. "Why single out the Gulf only, when it is part of the Middle East whose security and instability are threatened by Israel and its expansionist plans which must be understood in any attempt to bring stability to the region," he added.

He said the security of the Gulf should be left to its own states if they are given the



Prince Saud during the interview

weapons and other equipment to arm themselves. He refused any comparison between the newly established Gulf Cooperation Council and NATO which he said was founded to confront the Warsaw Pact.

The council represents an advanced step in the direction of closer economic, political, military and security cooperation. It can be expanded to include other member states if the applicants share with the founding members similar systems and laws he said. It is at present made up of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the U.A.E., Qatar, Bahrain, and Oman.

Asked if the confrontation with the Soviet Union might lead to closer relations between Egypt and other Arab countries including the Kingdom, he said the main threat on the region comes from Israel and there could not be any rapprochement with Egypt as long it saw the danger differently. "It is quite clear to us," he said, "Israel is arming continuously and consolidating its occupation of the Arab territories including South Lebanon."

Zionists upset

Haig leaves on Mideast tour

By Fouzi Asmar
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 3 — Secretary of State Alexander Haig left Thursday on his first official visit to the Middle East, carrying with him the Reagan administration's proposals for constructing a "strategic consensus" against the Soviet Union and its surrogates in the region. A State Department official said that the secretary's visit was intended to begin a dialogue that would ultimately lead to face-to-face meetings between the leaders of Arab states and President Reagan here in Washington later this year.

According to the official, matters of strategic concern, including the possibility of an expanded American military presence in the Middle East, will be given utmost priority. The official was careful to point out, however, that the administration is equally concerned with finding ways of advancing the stalled Camp David peace process.

In Cairo, the secretary will review efforts to put in place a Sinai peacekeeping force which would be acceptable to both Egypt and Israel. Discussions will also be held on reaching some sort of understanding over American use of Egyptian airbases, including Ras Banas on the Red Sea and the two ultramodern Sinai bases, Etzion and Eitan, currently controlled by Israel but due to be turned over to the Egyptians early next year.

In Israel, Haig is expected to discuss the composition of the Sinai peacekeeping force. The Israelis are pressuring the Reagan administration for an all-American force rather than one of a multinational nature as preferred by both Egypt and the United

States.

Haig is also expected to reaffirm a U.S. pledge to guarantee Israel's military superiority in the region in an attempt to lessen Israeli unhappiness over the administration's decision to provide Saudi Arabia with F-15 enhancement equipment and to sell them AWACS, according to a State Department source.

Haig will carry the final U.S. arms sale proposals regarding the F-15 enhancement equipment and AWACS to Saudi Arabia, which the administration will send as a complete package to Congress following the secretary's return.

Israel and its supporters in the United States are reported to be extremely unhappy about the secretary's trip. Zionist sources in Washington said that the Israelis are unhappy about the secretary's visit because they cannot pinpoint where Haig actually stands on the issues.

The Israelis are afraid that Haig will be receptive to the advice of the Arab leaders and return with a position much closer to the one adopted by the countries of the European Economic Community on the Middle East, the source added.

In Jordan, Haig will review the stalled peace process and solicit Hussein's thoughts on ways of solving the Palestinian problem. Sources close to the administration told *Arab News* that there is a strong possibility that Haig will meet with Iraqi officials during his stay in Amman.

Some unofficial observers report the possibility of a renewal of diplomatic relations between Iraq and the U.S. as a result of this trip.

Eyskens to form new government

BRUSSELS, April 3 (Agencies) — King Baudouin has accepted the resignation of Prime Minister Wilfried Martens and asked Finance Minister Mark Eyskens to form a new government as quickly as possible.

After the king announced his decision following a meeting with Martens Thursday Eyskens began negotiations Friday.

Martens had called for a suspension of the automatic linking of wages to the price index but the Socialists rejected the measure. Eyskens, 47, a member of the Social Christian Party and a close colleague of Martens, made his mark as minister of cooperation and development, a post he gave up last year.

The king's call for speed in forming a new government appeared to reflect his concern over political instability — Martens has led four governments since 1979 — and the country's grave economic crisis. This week, the bank rate was raised three points to 16 per cent and prices were frozen in crisis measures aimed at restoring domestic and international confidence in an economy with huge balance of payments and public-sector deficits.

Political sources said Eyskens would need a firm agreement on how to tackle these problems as a basis for any new government. They said his choice seemed to be between a renewal of the coalition with the Socialists, commanding 140 of the 212 seats in parliament, or an alliance with the right-wing Liberals, the main opposition group.

For Martens, the king's decision seemed to mark his inability to follow up a hard-won success last year in easing tension between French and Flemish speakers through a devolution bill with effective measures to save the economy.

Eyskens, the son of a former premier, had played a prominent role in the days preceding the crisis, pleading for shock remedies to rescue the franc. Socialist partners in the coalition could not accept what they feared would be onerous sacrifices for the working classes and new monetary or fiscal facilities for the rich.

Observers said that the greatest differences among the country's political leaders concerned policies to halt the fall of the franc.

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In construction market

Local firms' work declines

JEDDAH, April 3 — The share of work done in construction by local firms declined from 34 to 25 per cent and joint firms maintained about 20 to 22 per cent, and the share of work done by foreign firms increased from 45 to 53 per cent, according to a report by *Saudi Business* magazine.

The value of construction turnover in Saudi Arabia grew from SR42.2 billion to SR123.3 billion between 1976 and 1979, the report added. The magazine said the figures were the findings of a new publication by Aramco's Local Industrial Development Department, which released the figures last month. The publication is titled *Trends of the construction industry in Saudi Arabia, 1976-1979*.

Originally LIDD financed and provided technical assistance to Saudi business enterprises. But in 1974 other sources of finance became available. LIDD shifted its activities to monitoring and forecasting changes in the local business environment.

In the past five years LIDD has conducted some 1,300 interviews with 600 construction firms throughout Saudi Arabia. The information obtained was combined into a comprehensive, computerized data base that, along with other studies, is the basis for LIDD's latest publication.

Overall construction increased in Saudi Arabia from 1976 to 1979, the publication notes, but at an ever declining rate. The SR69.9 billion turnover in 1977 was a 66 per cent jump over 1976's SR42.2 billion. But 1978 saw only a 42 per cent increase over 1977, to SR99.2 billion. The turnover in 1979 of SR123.3 billion was just 24 per cent above the previous year.

During the four-year period, the Kingdom's central region saw an increase in activity at the expense of other areas, growing from 21 to 34 per cent of the total turnover. The western region, including the south-

west and north of Saudi Arabia, declined from 43 per cent in 1976 to 36 per cent in 1979, which was still the largest share. The eastern region, which accounted for 36 per cent of the construction activity in 1976, swelled briefly but then shrank to 30 per cent in 1979.

The LIDD report divides construction spending by sector, clearly identifying the Saudi government as the major client. Its spending rose from 59 per cent of the 1976 turnover to 70 per cent in 1979. The figures are actually somewhat larger, when taking into account loans by the Real Estate Development Fund, Saudi Industrial Development Fund, Public Investment Fund and other government agencies.

However, the LIDD report includes these with private sector spending. In real terms, private sector spending increased from SR11.2 billion to SR28.9 billion. In percentage terms, its share declined from 27 per cent of construction turnover in 1976 to 23 per cent in 1979.

The third sector, Aramco, saw growth of spending from 1976 to 1977, but then a decline through 1979. Its 14 per cent share of spending dwindled to 7 per cent in 1979. This was mostly brought on by the winding down of the Master Gas System Project.

Industry observers, including LIDD, see the slowdown in labor growth resulting from government actions to stem the influx of foreign workers. New projects will be undertaken primarily with labor that was recruited in previous years, rather than with freshly hired workers.

Although the majority of work in Saudi Arabia continued to be performed by foreign contractors, the LIDD report notes that their share may have peaked. Their increase from 1978 to 1979 was only 1 per cent.

The consensus of opinion among LIDD and other observers is that the growth of fore-

ign firm's share of construction turnover is being halted deliberately. The Saudi government is dedicating road contracts in particular to local contractors. It is breaking up other large projects to put them within reach of medium-sized local companies. Both Aramco and the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu award projects only to locally registered companies, where possible.

Joint firms have kept a steady share in the market, inching up to 22 per cent in 1979. In general they have done better in the eastern region, where Aramco and the Royal Commission for Jubail award contracts only to firms registered locally. The share of construction turnover by local firms may have bottomed out at 25 per cent in 1979, the report speculates.

Construction was divided into four categories by the LIDD report: civil, meaning all infrastructure except electrical and electronic facilities; buildings, for whatever purpose: mechanical, meaning heavy industrial installations; and electrical, meaning power generation, distribution, telecommunication and computer facilities.

Buildings have always been the largest share of the construction turnover, and are growing larger. From 42 per cent of the activity in 1976, construction of buildings increased to 49 per cent in 1979. Civil works have remained the second largest area, though declining from 41 per cent to 27 per cent.

On Islamic contributions

Japanese Muslims to hold seminar

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 3 — Japan's Islamic Congress will organize the first Islamic international seminar in cooperation with the World Islamic Congress. The seminar will be held at Keio Plaza Hotel in Tokyo from June 22 to 26.

The seminar is a historic event and a bold move for Islam in Japan. It is organized on the occasion of the advent of the 15th century Hijra, and will be held under the auspices of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers and the Islamic Solidarity Fund, according to a press release by Japan Islamic Congress.

The theme of the seminar will be Muslim contributions towards building a better world for the future by establishing a just, peaceful, progressive and prosperous new order for mankind with the background of 14 centuries. Islamic scientific, cultural and scholarly working papers will be presented at the seminar.

Saudi Tech II to display latest oil technology

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 3 — The latest inventions and methods in the petroleum and petrochemical industries, one of the main objectives of the Third Five-Year Development Plan, will be displayed by international companies at the Saudi Tech II exhibition opening in Alkhubar Saturday.

Chatti persists in peace effort

TEHRAN, April 3 (SPA) — The Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, Habib Chatti, arrived here from Jeddah to continue his efforts to bring peace between Iran and Iraq.

Chatti represents the Islamic goodwill mission which was formed by the Islamic summit in Taif earlier this year to end the conflict between the two member states of the OIC.

The mission, made up of heads of states and other statesmen ended its second tour of the two capitals last week, and authorized Chatti and the PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat to continue the mediation and bring about a ceasefire if possible.

The mission decided to suspend its shuttle diplomacy at the summit level but agreed to return to the scene after Chatti completes his task and reports the progress made to the OIC headquarters in Jeddah.

Eastern Province Governor Prince Abdul Mobsen ibn Jiluwi will open the exhibition. The opening ceremony of the five-day exhibit will be attended by senior officials and directors of the international companies participating in the show. Saudi Tech II is organized by Tihama Advertising, Public Relations and Marketing Research Company in cooperation with the Middle East Trade Exhibitions company.

Hassan Bashawri, Tihama public relations director, said holding the Saudi Tech II only five months after the first similar exhibition, Saudi Tech 80, indicates the importance of the Kingdom's economic position in the world market. Also, it proves the success of the previous exhibition, which was attended

by 200 specialist companies. Bashawri said Saudi Tech 80 also was organized by Tihama and the Middle East Trade Exhibitions.

He added that the Saudi Tech II concentrates on the oil and petrochemical industries activities because of their importance to the Kingdom's development programs and dependence of the industrial plan on building petrochemical complexes in Jubail and Yanbu. The East-West oil pipeline pumps petroleum from oil fields in the Gulf coast to Yanbu industrial city on the Red Sea will open in few months, Bashawri said. It will be among the longest oil pipelines in the world, he added.

About 250 companies from 35 countries are taking part in the Saudi Tech II, in addition to major Saudi Arabian companies.

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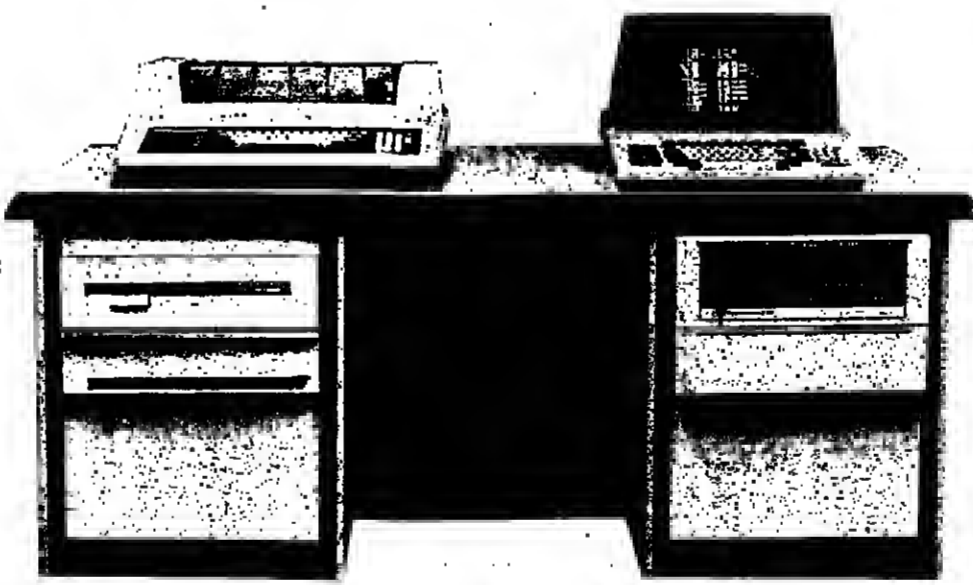
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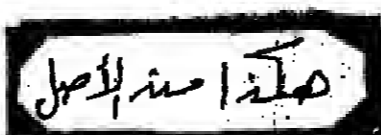
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Kingdom to attend World's Fair

By a Staff Writer

KNOXVILLE, Tennessee, April 3 — Saudi Arabia has agreed to sponsor a pavilion at the 1982 World's Fair here, according to a report by the Knoxville Journal newspaper. The report said that officials of the Knoxville International Energy Exposition (KIEE) made the announcement last week. The commitment from Saudi Arabia came about a month after the fair's commissioner general, Charles E. Fraser visited the Kingdom. "We are extremely happy the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia informed the U.S. government through its ambassador in Washington that they will participate with a major pavilion and exhibit at the World's Fair," Fraser said. He added that Saudi Arabia is a friend of the United States and a leading force in main-

taining downward pressure on oil pricing. "They maintain a stabilizing force in the Mideast," he said.

The Saudi Arabian ambassador, Sheikh Faisal Alhegehan, said the "mutually beneficial exchange will only further enhance our close ties and bring to the people of the world a deeper respect of each other's interests."

Fraser predicted that the country's participation in the six-month-long event would encourage other Middle East countries and some major corporations to join.

KIEE President S. H. Roberts Jr. said the Kingdom's participation has special importance since the country is the first member of the Oil Producing and Exporting Countries Organization (OPEC) to join the fair. It would be difficult to have a World's Fair without the participation of an OPEC country, he said.

Roberts said World's Fair officials concentrated on Saudi Arabia as the "logical" country in the Middle East to attempt to persuade to join and that its participation might "open up" other countries and major oil corporations.

He added that he was unsure when a Saudi Arabian delegation would visit Knoxville to work out details for the exhibit. However, he said, he expected that Saudi Arabia would work out arrangements through the Arabian American Oil Company (ARAMCO) and a U.S. public relations firm.

Fraser's trip last February to Saudi Arabia was his second. The visit was coordinated by the U.S. ambassador to the Kingdom, John West. Fraser credited the ambassador with helping prepare negotiations. He held talks with oil, commerce and information ministers as well as other officials.

Saudi Arabia's commitment to join the World's Fair brings the number of countries participating to nine. France, Italy, Germany, the United Kingdom, Japan, Australia, Mexico and the 10-nation European Community (EEC) already have agreed to host pavilions.

Sattam dedicates agriculture fair

RIYADH, April 3 (SPA) — Riyadh's Deputy Governor Prince Sattam Wednesday afternoon opened the Third Agricultural Exhibition organized by the Faculty of Agriculture together with the Ministry of Agriculture and Water and Riyadh Municipality's Environmental Health Department, as well as a number of private firms.

The aim of the exhibition is to acquaint citizens and farmers with modern agricultural methods. In a speech on the occasion, Prince Sattam highlighted the keen interest vested by King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd and other Saudi leaders in the agricultural sector called to play a great role in diversifying the country's economic resources. He dwelt on government subsidies and the distribution of land.

To encourage and expand agriculture, the government also has been distributing fallow land in relatively small sizes under the Fallow Land Distribution Regulations after ensuring water availability and soil suitability for agriculture.

New companies form rapidly, study shows

In all sectors

JEDDAH, April 3 — The rate of creation of new companies in Saudi Arabia is extremely high in all economic sectors, according to a new study on the creation of companies during the period between September 1979 and 1980. Each of the 362 companies included in the survey has a capital larger than SR 1 million and their total represents more than SR 4 billion, Saudi Business reported Saturday.

Another conclusion of the study is that the creation of new firms is rather well-balanced, with the government creating companies in areas where private businessmen are reluctant or unable to invest like public transport or petrochemicals. The dependence on foreign capital is kept at a safe level, while ensuring access to modern technologies.

During the study period, seven major companies were formed: SAPTCO, (public transport), SNSC (maritime company), Jubail Fertilizers, Saudi Methanol (petrochemicals), Saudi Cairo Bank, Arab National Bank and Saudi Fisheries. These companies represent less than 60 per cent of the total capital of the sample. But only a few cities control the capital invested: Riyadh, Jeddah, Dammam-Khobar-Dhahran metropolitan area. The other cities, the survey showed, are not becoming business centers. The concentration is even more marked for

foreign joint ventures than for purely Saudi companies. This can be explained by certain factors. First, the leading Saudi businesses and administrations have their head offices in Riyadh, Jeddah or Dammam (like Saudi in Jeddah and Aramco in Dhahran). Second, because of their large populations and their sociological profiles, these cities represent a sizeable market as well as a labor pool. Finally, they are well equipped for business (air services, hotels, business services) and well accepted by expatriates.

There are other advantages. Riyadh is the place where all big government contracts are signed, and the government spends roughly 40 per cent of the Gross Domestic Expenditure each year. Jeddah is the traditional hub of commerce of the peninsula, and the biggest Saudi Arabian port. And in fact, a list of the shareholders of new Jeddah-based companies reads like the city's who's who: Juffali, Zahid, Binzagr, Pharaon and many others. As to the Eastern Region, it is the land of oil. Aramco attracts contractors like Christensen or Saibot companies, and Jubail is starting its first industries and is due to become the hub of the country's petrochemical projects. In fact, most of the chemical or

Arabia during the period studied belong to the Eastern Region. The other cities figure poorly since they control only one per cent of the total capital of the new companies. More than one third of the companies engage directly or indirectly in construction activities — construction proper, contracting, construction materials, maintenance etc.

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2 men beheaded on rape charge

RIYADH, April 3 (SPA) — A corporal and a private first class were executed here Friday, after being convicted of rape.

Corporal Muqrab ibn Abdul Aziz Al Dera, and Private First Class Fahd ibn Rashed Al Habshan of the Kharij police were beheaded after Friday prayers.

An Interior Ministry announcement said the two men had been found guilty of raping a man at gunpoint after shooting and injuring him on the Kharij-Aflaj road. They were tried and sentenced to death for their "misdeed and foul act."

The court said that rape is a grave enough crime and it is even more so when it is committed by security men whose job and duty are to protect people and maintain the peace by fighting crime and criminals. The ministry said this will be the fate of all those who disturb the peace and corrupt the land.

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Zahle bombarded

Over 70 killed, 290 injured

BEIRUT, April 3 (Agencies) — Syrian tanks and artillery maintained their siege of the east Lebanese town of Zahle early Friday as clashes continued round the rightist-controlled city, security sources said.

More than 70 persons were reported killed and 290 wounded in Zahle and Beirut Thursday in some of the worst fighting since the 1975-76 civil war.

Shelling stopped shortly before noon in Zahle to allow aid to arrive to the city, which has been cut off for the past two days, informed sources said.

After a major artillery battle in the morning, fighting in Beirut had died down by nightfall, but there was still sporadic mortar and heavy machinegun fire.

In the town of Zahle, about 50 kms east of the capital, state-run Beirut radio reported that clashes between rightist militiamen and troops from the All-Syrian Arab Deterrent Force (ADF) were still going on, though on a

reduced scale.

The Falangist Party reported that Zahle, which has a population of some 150,000, had been under almost continuous Syrian rocket and artillery bombardment Thursday. It said a tank thrust had been checked on the outskirts.

A Falangist spokesman said the town, in Lebanon's eastern Bekaa Valley, was ringed by more than 2,500 Syrian troops and about 90 tanks. Several buildings were said to have been set ablaze in Zahle, which has been without power for the past two days, and one block under construction collapsed after being hit by a shell, killing 10 persons and wounding 60, according to the Falangists.

They reported a total of 30 killed and 130 injured in Zahle, as well as 77 dead and more than 120 wounded in east Beirut, where buildings were hit and dozens of cars wrecked. Security sources said about 15 persons died and 40 were wounded by Falangist

fire in the predominantly Muslim west side of the capital during Thursday's battles. A defense ministry statement said one Lebanese soldier was killed and 13 wounded when they came under fire from the west side of Beirut's so-called Green Line dividing the two halves of the city.

The ADF has so far made no comment on the recent flare-up, which threatened to plunge Lebanon back into a new round of full-scale combat. The 30,000-strong Syrian force has been stationed in Lebanon since helping to end the civil war five years ago.

Officials said the cabinet was due to hold an emergency session Friday to discuss how to halt the fighting.

Iraq embassy staff member shot dead

BEIRUT, April 3 (AP) — Unidentified gunmen shot and killed an Iraqi embassy employee and wounded another embassy staffer in West Beirut Thursday, the Iraqi News Agency reported.

The agency said Abadi Mounjel Hussein, whom it described as an employee at the Iraqi embassy, was killed at the hands of "sectarian fanatics." It added another embassy employee, identified as Abdul Muhammad Hamza, was seriously wounded when gunmen in a speeding car opened fire on the vehicle carrying the Iraqis.

Turkish diplomat injured in firing

COPENHAGEN, April 3 (AP) — An unknown gunman fired six shots into a Turkish diplomat as he arrived home after working late Thursday. An Armenian group claimed responsibility.

Cavit Demir, 43, who had been labor counsellor at the Turkish embassy for about six months, was shot six times and suffered wounds in the stomach, mouth, arm and chest, embassy official Ugurtan Akinci said Friday.

Dundee mayor condemns Israel

NABLUS, April 3 (AFP) — An official delegation from the Scottish city of Dundee, which had "twinned" with this occupied Arab town, roundly denounced Israel Thursday for its "oppression" and "terrorism" in the West Bank and praised the Palestinian resistance there.

Dundee Lord Provost (Mayor) James Glowans and Nablus Mayor Bassam Shakaa, who lost his legs in an anti-Palestinian bomb blast last June, both stressed there would be no peace in the region until there was an

independent Palestinian state. Speaking before 2,000 persons at the official ceremony twinning the two towns, Dundee delegation spokesman Colin Rennie said that "the checkpoint, the arrogance of the (Israeli) soldiers in the streets, the harassment we have experienced during one week makes me sure the terrorists are the Israelis."

Dundee City Treasurer Ken Fagan said: "the oppression is far greater than we realized...the Palestine Liberation Organization is not a terrorist organization."

23 hurt as bomb explodes in Qom

TEHRAN, April 3 (AFP) — Twenty-three persons were injured in a double bomb explosion Friday noon close to the main gate of the mosque in Qom. Among the casualties were many women and children, radio Tehran reported.

The two bombs had been planted in a pastry stall near the mosque gate and the blast directly caught the throng of worshippers passing through it, the radio said.

Haig to be consulted

Hitch over Sinai force reported

CAIRO, April 3 (Agencies) — Egyptian-U.S. negotiations on a peace-keeping force for Sinai are encountering difficulties just before American Secretary of State Alexander Haig arrives in Cairo, informed sources said.

Another two-hour meeting ended Thursday with the U.S. delegation leaving the Egyptian foreign ministry through the back door apparently to avoid journalists and television cameras.

Informed sources said the talks were not going easy. "There is some friction", one said. Yet another reported frustrations, but declined to identify points of contention.

U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Michael Stermen has been flying between Cairo and Israel for talks on setting up a multi-national force to patrol Sinai when Israel completes its withdrawal from the peninsula in April next year.

He will brief Haig Saturday when the Secretary of State arrives in Cairo on his first Middle East tour since taking office.

A U.S. official said Stermen would be in a position to report some progress but did not elaborate.

After Thursday's talks, Egyptian Minister of State of Foreign Affairs Botros Botros Gbali brushed aside speculation of disagreement, saying: "We cannot disagree." He said no further negotiations were expected before Haig's arrival.

Establishment of the force was part of the 1979 Egyptian-Israeli peace agreement. All sides have agreed to explore whether the United Nations will back the force, a move the Soviet Union has threatened to veto.

Israel wants several thousand troops supported by armor while Egypt has been urging a far smaller number and has made clear it is not as enthusiastic as Israel on a predominantly American force.

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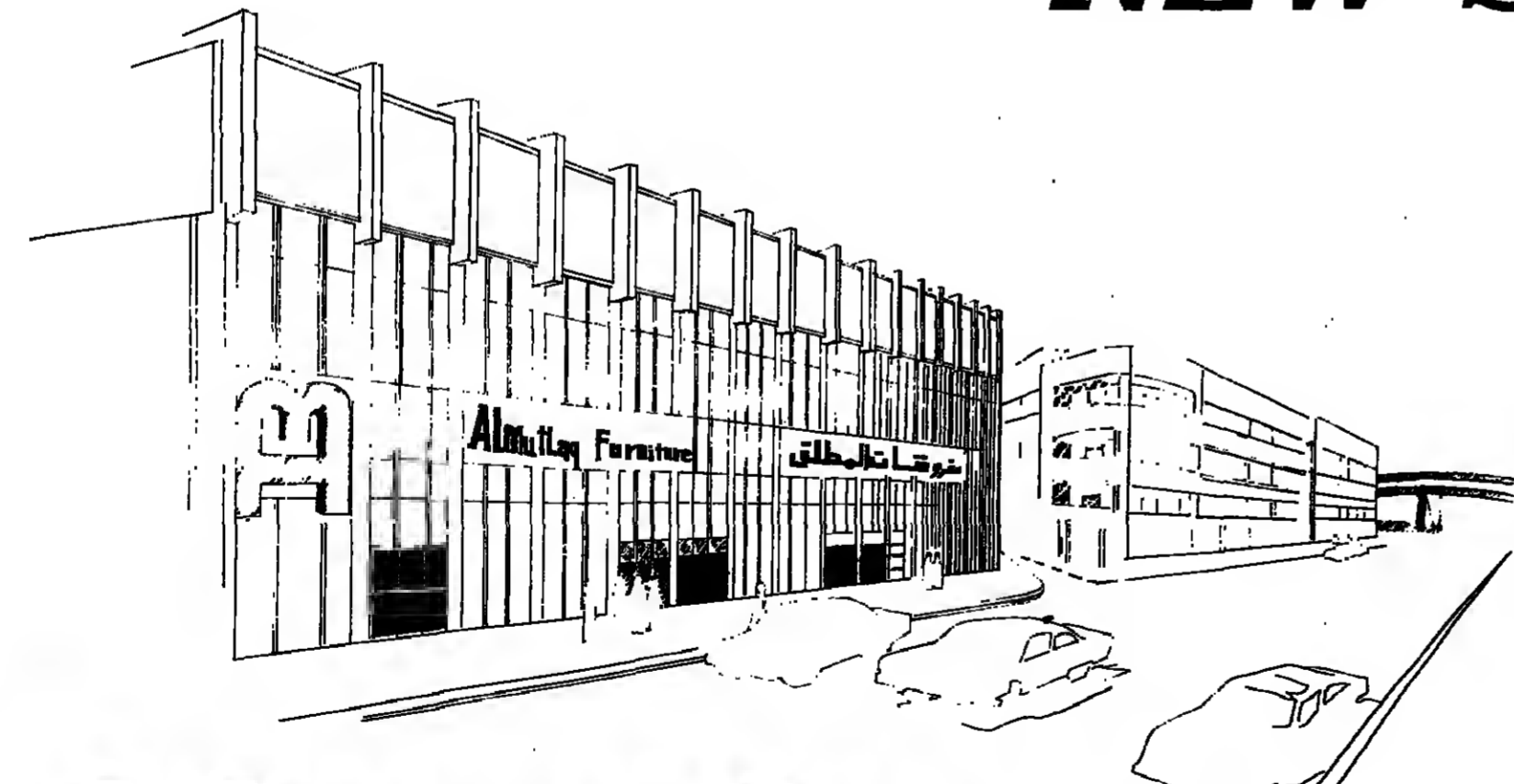
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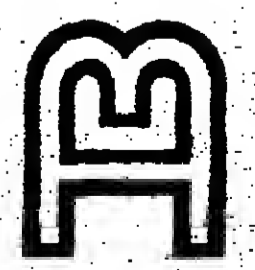
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Goods scarce, many Tripoli shops close

By David Willey
TRIPOLI, April 3 — Col. Muammar Qaddafi refuses to be put off by the apathetic attitude of most Libyans to his latest reforms — the abolition of all private shops and trade, which it has been decreed will be accomplished by next December.

Half the shops in Tripoli are already closed because they have run out of goods to sell. Iqbal Rajab, secretary of Libya's General People's Committee, who fills a role roughly equivalent to that of prime minister in a state that boasts it has no government, announced this month that all retail and wholesale distribution will henceforth be in the hands of local people's committees. State supermarkets are supposed to replace private shops, right down to the street-corner green grocers, but experience so far does not suggest that the transition is going smoothly.

Many supermarkets are still under construction and the ones that are finished tend to be filled with goods for which there is not a high demand, such as packets of bird seed or Britain or cans of beans from Bulgaria. The lure of profit appears difficult to curb among a people whose mercantile spirit is all too well known in North Africa. Although controlled prices in the state supermarkets are in short supply are snapped up by scalpers as soon as they arrive and resold privately at a profit.

The authorities admit there are 'laxities of negligence' in carrying out the takeover to a profit-free society, in which the ultimate aim, Qaddafi says, is to abolish money altogether. There are murmurings of discontent among some educated Libyans at the shopping problems and scarcities, but Qaddafi's immediate position seems secure enough.

He was relaxed and confident when he received me among a group of visiting journalists in his Bedouin tent in the center of a military barracks to Tripoli last week. The fact of the admission to Libya of British and American correspondents from Rome — report his refusal to allow Libya to become hijackers' paradise — is an indication of Qaddafi's new sensitivity to international criticism.

With Chad in his pocket, he is trying to allay fears in Africa and the West about his ultimate international political ambitions. Moscow, which he will visit soon, is one of the few places in the world where he can be assured of a warm welcome and a guarantee of personal safety. The colonel has apparently received a rough response to feelers he put out to the new Reagan administration in Washington. Heads of American oil companies operating in Libya were summoned here recently to bear the colonel's message to the president.

He must be acutely conscious of Libya's present economic dependence on sales of oil to the U.S. — 40 per cent of Libya's total current production in a saturated world market.

U.S. confused about Turkey

WASHINGTON, April 3 (Agencies) — President Ronald Reagan, hospitalized with a gunshot wound, and his White House staff appeared a bit confused about who is in charge in Turkey. The subject came up because Turkish Foreign Minister Ilter Turkman visited the White House for a meeting with Vice President George Bush, who was sitting in for the wounded president.

After the meeting, the White House distributed a "statement by the president" and a news release about Bush's meeting — but press office staff hastily recalled the news release in order to correct some inaccuracies.

Iraq ready for talks with U.S.

WASHINGTON, April 3 (AFP) — Iraq, which broke off diplomatic relations with the United States during the 1967 Arab-Israeli war, has informed Washington that President Saddam Hussein is willing to have talks with Secretary of State Alexander Haig, a high-ranking State Department official announced in Washington Thursday.

The official, who asked not to be identified, said that Baghdad had not been included in Haig's itinerary because of his heavy workload. But Assistant Secretary of State for the Near East Morris Draper, who accompanies Haig on his tour, will shortly visit Iraq, as well as Syria, Lebanon, and several Gulf states, the official said.

In the presidential statement, Reagan said: "The United States fully supports the efforts of the Turkish government to eradicate terrorism, and to carry out basic reforms that will assure the long-term stability of Turkish democracy and the well-being of the Turkish people."

When White House spokesman Larry Speakes was asked to explain the president's statement in view of the coup that overthrew the democratic government in Turkey last September, he said the White House would stand on the statement.

BRIEFS

ANKARA, (R) — *Cumhuriyet*, a leading Turkish newspaper was ordered by martial law authorities Thursday to suspend publication for two days for printing a story about alleged torture which an official investigation found to be untrue.

KARACHI (AP) — About 100 persons have been arrested in the last two days in Karachi, apparently to block demonstrations called for Saturday, the second anniversary of the execution of former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

CAIRO, (R) — Israeli charge d'affaires Ephraim Dowek was Thursday summoned to the Egyptian foreign ministry to receive a strong protest against Israel's plans to dig a canal linking the Mediterranean and the Dead Sea, a foreign ministry spokesman said.

ISLAMABAD, (AP) — The Soviet Union has introduced into combat in Afghanistan an advanced automatic grenade launcher which fires 30mm grenades at a distance of 1,500 meters at a rate of five per second, a Western diplomatic source reported Thursday.

Shunning U.S., Russia

Iran buying weapons from neutral nations

BEIRUT, April 3 (Agencies) — Ayatollah Khomeini's spokesman in Iran's Supreme Defense Council has said that Iran was shunning arms from the United States and the Soviet Union in order to preserve its neutrality. Tehran radio reported.

Hojatolislam Ali Khamenei said Thursday "we could have easily received arms and support" from the superpowers but preferred to purchase them from neutral countries. "We receive at the moment some of our arms from neutral countries," Khamenei said, without identifying them. Khamenei said the Iranian armed forces were at present manufacturing spare parts and new weapons, mobilized by "the pressure of the war."

Khamenei said he did not expect the nine-member Islamic nations peace mission trying to mediate a solution to the seven-month-old war between Iran and Iraq to "get anywhere. What we expected from this peace mission was to take its own specific stand and condemn the aggressor."

Meanwhile, hardline clergyman Hojatolislam Muhammad Yazdi was named Thursday

as the second member of a special three-man commission to settle differences among Iran's disputing leaders, state radio reported. Hojatolislam Yazdi, parliamentary deputy for the city of Qom, will represent the interests of the clergy-dominated government, parliament and judiciary.

Ayatollah Khomeini had Wednesday named as his representative a neutral figure Interior Minister Atatollah Muhammad Reza Mahdavi-Kani.

The president has yet to name his man, but with two religious figures already appointed, it seemed likely he would choose a clergyman too.

The commission was proposed by the Iranian leader in a package of measures to stem an acrimonious exchange of charges between the president and his opponents in the IRP following political scuffles at a rally March 5 addressed by Bani-Sadr.

The events at the rally, where 15 persons were injured are under investigation by the prosecutor-general. The IRP claims the president planned the violence for his own ends.

Ethiopian actions puzzle U.S.

WASHINGTON, April 3 (R) — Ethiopia appears to want better relations with the United States but at the same time continues to attack the country, a U.S. State Department official has said. The acting Assistant Secretary of State for Africa Lannon Walker, told a congressional hearing "Our bilateral relations with Ethiopia frankly have us somewhat puzzled."

Walker said Ethiopia had shown it wanted improved relations by settling a U.S. nationalization claim and indicating it intended resolving others.

He said Ethiopian President Mengistu Haile Mariam had sent President Reagan a warm message of condolence after his attempted assassination earlier this week.

President Mengistu, however, recently vilified the U.S. in a speech and made two highly publicized visits to the Soviet Union. There was also firm evidence that Ethiopia had agreed to supply arms to leftist rebels in El Salvador, Walker said.

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Facts merge into fiction

Scandals erode British intelligence service's image

By William Tuohy

LONDON, (LAT) — For generations the British intelligence service was presumed to be the best, duping the Germans in two world wars and fostering a legend that lived in thrillers written by such former agents as Somerset Maugham, Graham Greene, Malcolm...

the end of the war, British intelligence had established a reputation second to none. In the popular imagination, intelligence is espionage, the dangerous and romantic, if sometimes sordid, business of spying. Yet espionage is only a small part of intelligence, which consists in the main of collecting information available to anyone — from newspapers and magazines and technical and scientific publications.

By the early 20th century, British intelligence was again catching up with the continental professionals, particularly the French, the Germans and the Russians. In 1909, a young army captain named Vernon Kell was given a room in the War Office and told to cooperate with Scotland Yard in tracking down potential spies, particularly Germans.

Blunt was an officer in MI-5 headquarters, with access to the top secret files. Burgess and Maclean were privy to key secrets in the field of foreign relations, during the war and well into the cold war years. Soon after the end of World War II, it became clear to the CIA that there were deep security leaks within British intelligence and the foreign office.

advice, built up a case against Philby, Burgess, Maclean and Blunt. In 1961 they decided to move. Yet such was the lack of urgency that the Foreign Office decided that Maclean need not be questioned until after a weekend.

seemed to regain its esprit de corps. At that time MI-6 came under the direction of Sir Maurice Oldfield, a professional intelligence officer who was regarded as being among the best. But Oldfield fell ill with cancer last year and died a few weeks ago.

This latest scandal began when Chapman, the defense affairs writer of the London Daily Mail, wrote that security investigators long suspected that Sir Roger Hollis is a traitor but were never able to prove it. Hollis, who was the director general of MI-5 from 1956 until his retirement in 1965, died in 1973.

Traditionally, in Britain as elsewhere, intelligence operations are surrounded by secrecy. Chiefs of the intelligence services are not publicly identified; it is not even admitted that such services exist. As with the CIA, the budget for Britain's intelligence services is generally disguised, buried in the budgets of other ministries — the Home Office, the Foreign Office, the Ministry of Defense.

By 1939, Kell, by then a major general, was ready to retire because of ill health. His service had about 6,000 full-time and part-time employees. Yet as war drew closer it became apparent that both MI-5 and MI-6 would have to be expanded. MI-5 had the difficult task of screening all the refugees from Nazi Germany, in addition to its other counterintelligence activities.

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During that weekend, Burgess informed Maclean that they were about to be exposed. The two fled across the English channel and then to the Soviet Union. The CIA suspected that Philby had been involved in tipping them off and that he, too, was a Soviet agent. This information was passed along to the British authorities, but MI-6 failed to act.

But British intelligence officials now hope that the Soviet penetrations are a thing of the past, that a revitalized services can continue to provide the country with good intelligence from MI-6 and equally good security protection from MI-5.

Prime Minister Thatcher issued her denial of the Hollis case before the House of Commons. But scandals rocking the British intelligence service have not always been so easily dismissed. Last November, the prime minister admitted that Anthony Blunt, a former MI-5 official and art historian on the staff of Queen Elizabeth II, had been a Soviet spy but was never prosecuted.

But now the secrecy is beginning to unravel, especially in light of disclosures that it has been penetrated by British-born Soviet agents. MI-5, more formally known as the security service, is Britain's "spy-catcher" — a counterintelligence service somewhat analogous to the FBI in the United States, although MI-5 is not a law enforcement agency and does not have the power of arrest.

Accordingly, at the outset of World War II, the intelligence services were greatly expanded. Technically, MI-5 answered to the home secretary, and MI-6 to the foreign secretary, but there was no single overlord except the prime minister, who was too busy to give it the attention it needed.

MI-6 got a new boss, Col. Stewart Menzies, whose name provided the "M" for the James Bond series. After the war, some of the stresses and strains began to show — first the amateurism but, more importantly, the seeming lack of enthusiasm among intelligence people for security within the organizations.

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Otherwise, we are still very much in trouble when it comes to keeping secrets from the Soviet Union."

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MI-5 is responsible for countering espionage, sabotage and subversion. It also investigates anyone considered a security risk, particularly government employees. Foreign intelligence operations are conducted by a separate agency, the secret intelligence service. It is also known as DI-6 (for defense intelligence) or — more frequently — MI-6 (because it was once a branch of military intelligence). Its U.S. equivalent is the CIA.

Part of the problem was the British class system. MI-6 officers tended to be from upper class backgrounds. They referred to themselves as "the friends," and looked down on MI-5 officers as "policemen" or "snoopers." For their part, MI-5 officers saw many of their colleagues in MI-6 as dilettantes, snobs and playboys.

Blunt was an open homosexual. Philby's wife was an Austrian Communist, and he had connections with Soviet blue people. Despite what was known about these men, they

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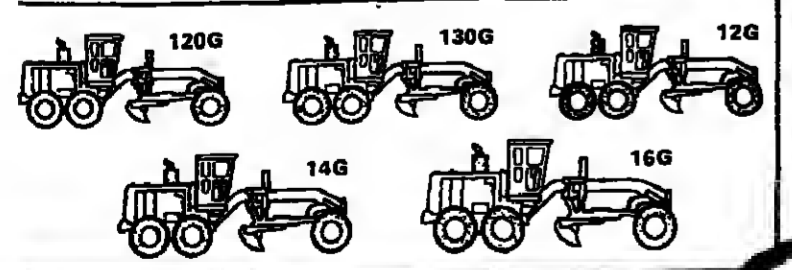
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Plebiscite Tuesday

Marcos campaigns for 'yes vote'

MANILA, Philippines, April 3 (AP) — President Ferdinand Marcos, in power for more than 15 years, has said he would step down after training two successive echelons of leaders to succeed him and denied he was grooming his politically powerful wife Imelda as prime minister. Marcos spoke Thursday in a 2 1/2-hour television program which he ended up facing a panel of newsmen and movie stars instead of prominent opposition leaders in what had been earlier billed as a debate on the issues of next Tuesday's Philippine plebiscite.

Opposition leaders and Marcos had been wrangling over the proposed debate's format the past several days, with the president insisting on tackling nine oppositionists at one time and the opposition demanding either a one-on-one or three-on-three format. When Marcos finally agreed to the opposition's terms, it was 90 minutes till show time, and opposition leader former Sen. Gerardo Roxas said it was "too late" to contact his colleagues.

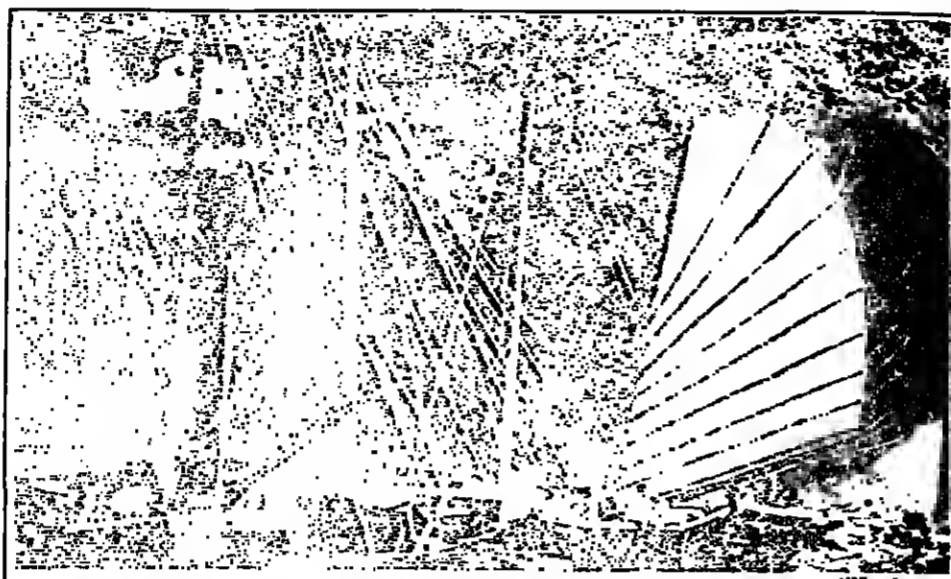
Replying to a question, the 63-year-old president said he "had enough of power" and would step down after completing what he termed his "last mission." "I consider it my solemn obligation and duty to train two successive echelons of leaders who will take over as soon as possible," Marcos said without specifying what he meant by "two echelons" and the duration of his training program.

"Wouldn't it be shameful to leave government and our colleagues without pointing out to them where the dangers lie and what roads we should take to reach the peak of progress?" Marcos asked. Describing as "most vicious, libelous and ridiculous" opposition claims he was lining up Mrs. Marcos, who is Manila governor and human settlements minister, for prime minister, Marcos said they both would like to retire and "just

watch or help from the sidelines."

For the second time in three weeks, Marcos used the program to campaign for a "yes" vote in the plebiscite to ratify proposed constitutional amendments concentrating power on a popularly elected president. Although he was disappointed by the absence of the opposition in the program, Marcos thanked some of them for campaigning for a "no" vote rather than boycotting the entire process because without them the plebiscite would "certainly be a sterile, almost intolerable exercise."

Marcos has said that if the amendments are



AERIAL WATCH: A Hong Kong police helicopter keeps a close watch over the 4,376 illegal immigrants from China on 90 Chinese junks moored in Hong Kong Thursday. They are provided with food and water. The Hong Kong government is to decide in a couple of days the deadline for these people to leave.

ratified, he would call the Philippines' first presidential election in 12 years on June 7, which the United Democratic opposition earlier said it might boycott to make Marcos "look foolish."

Asked what he would do if the opposition boycotted the presidential election, Marcos replied he would refer the matter to the interim National Assembly, which he now controls. "If we are to spend so much money for an election with no opposition, the people might say we are not being true to them" after so much talk about the need for one now, Marcos added.

Chun pardons Kwangju conspirators

SEOUL, April 3 (R) — President Chun Doo-Hwan Friday commuted death sentences on three persons due to be hanged for their part in the armed uprising in the southern town of Kwangju last May, a government spokesman said. The president also authorized the freeing of 57 prisoners sentenced for their part in the rebellion in which 189 persons died, reduced the prison terms of 20 others and restored the civil rights of three whose sentences had previously been suspended, the spokesman added.

The civilian supreme court last Tuesday rejected appeals by the Kwangju conspirators, who were sentenced by military courts under martial law which was lifted in January. Those reprieved included Chong Dong-Nyon, 38, whose confession of having received about \$6,000 from dissident leader Kim Dae-Jung to organize student demonstrations was vital prosecution evidence in the conviction of Kim for sedition. Pae Yong-Ju, 34, a driver, and Park No-Jong, 28, a printer, were also reprieved.

Soviet dissident gets 7 years' hard labor

MOSCOW, April 3 (AFP) — Soviet dissident Guendrikh Altunian, 47, was condemned to seven years' hard labor in a prison camp for circulating such prohibited reading as Alexander Solzhenitsyn's *The Gulag Archipelago* and the underground periodical *Chronicle of Current Events*, opposition sources said here Friday. The camp sentence is to be followed by a further five years' house arrest, a court in the Ukrainian city of Kharkov decreed Tuesday. The charge against Altunian was "political agitation and anti-Soviet propaganda".

W. German prisoners sinking, say lawyers

BONN, April 3 (AFP) — Three of 25 prisoners staging hunger-strikes in various prisons throughout West Germany are close to death, their lawyers told a press conference here Thursday. According to the lawyers, the three threatened prisoners are Gabriele Rollnik, who is jailed in Berlin and is given seven days to live, and Knut Folkerts and Sieglinde Hoffmann. Folkerts is said to be within eight days of death and Miss Hoffmann has been given 12 days.

The other hunger-strikers Friday entered their 61st day without food and many of them are now suffering from incurable disorders as a result of their fasts, according to doctors treating them in various prisons, the lawyers said.

Soviets to pay \$3m satellite damages to Canada

OTTAWA, April 3 (AP) — Canada and the Soviet Union have formally signed an agreement under which the Soviets will pay \$3 million in damages to cover this country's cleanup costs after a Soviet nuclear-powered satellite crashed in the northwest territories more than three years ago.

External Affairs Minister Mark MacGuigan said Thursday that Geoffrey Pearson, Canada's ambassador to the Soviet Union, and Soviet Minister of Foreign Affairs N.S. Ryzhov signed a protocol requiring the

Soviet Union to pay the \$3 million settlement. A Soviet Cosmos satellite disintegrated when it re-entered the atmosphere over the northwest territories in January 1978, scattering debris over a wide area. Canada demanded \$6 million in damages and costs. Total price of the civilian-military cleanup was estimated at \$14 million, but the government made no effort to recover the cost of using soldiers in the work since the salaries would have been paid by the government in any case.

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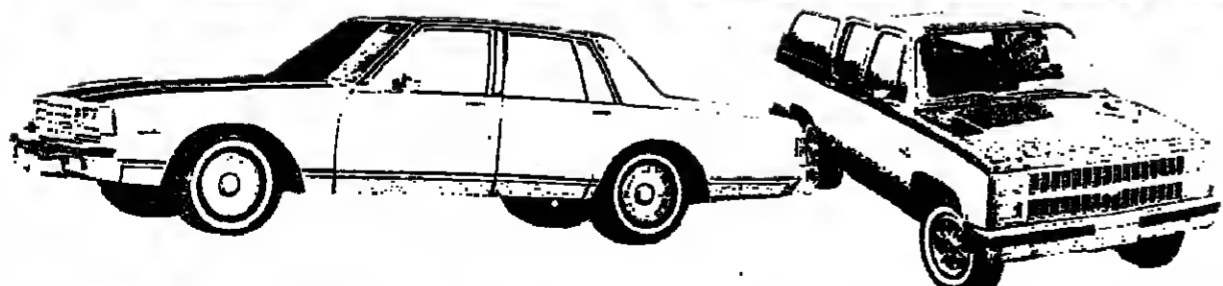
Indian bandit leader escapes police dragnet

NEW DELHI, April 3 (AP) — "Bandit queen" Phoolan Devi escaped a police dragnet but five of her gang members were killed and four officers wounded in the shoot-out while she fled, United News of India has reported. The 25-year-old gang leader is accused of ordering the murder of 22 villagers she believed gave shelter to her lover's killers.

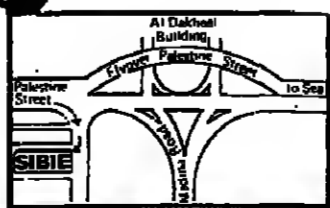
Police and the gang fought for 15 hours in Uttar Pradesh state Wednesday, the agency reported. The bandit gang reportedly has killed scores of people and plundered several northern Indian hamlets this year. Wearing police uniforms, the robbers attacked Behmai village, 275 miles southeast of New Delhi on Feb. 14 and killed the 22 persons accused of harboring the pair of men who murdered Vikram Mallah, Phoolan Devi's lover.

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Nyerere, Indira denounce U.S. base

NEW DELHI, April 3 (AFP) — Tanzania and India are viewing with "grave concern" escalation of great power military presence in the Indian Ocean, particularly the expansion of the U.S. base on the British island of Diego Garcia, according to a joint communique issued here Friday at the end of a four-day visit by Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere.

The two countries reaffirmed the need for speedy implementation of a U.N. resolution declaring the Indian Ocean a zone of peace. The communique said Nyerere and Prime Minister Indira Gandhi also expressed concern over the situation in southwest Asia, especially the situation in Afghanistan.

They called for a comprehensive political settlement of the Afghan crisis on the basis of full respect for the independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and national status of Afghanistan, it added. Without naming the Soviet Union, they called for withdrawal of foreign troops and strict observance of the principle of non-interference and non-interference in Afghanistan.

The two leaders expressed their deep concern over the continuing Iran-Iraq war and reiterated their support for the nonaligned initiative to bring an early end to the conflict. They also agreed on the need for a dialogue among southeast Asian countries to create conditions necessary for the sovereignty, integrity and independent personality of all countries of the region to be fully safeguarded, the communique said.

On the last leg of his five-day state visit to India, the Tanzanian leader and his wife, Julia, visited Bombay, from where he left for home Friday.



PROUD FATHER: Prince Andrew (21), right, is presented with the Louis Newark Trophy by his father Prince Philip Thursday, for achieving the best flying marks during his 18-week course. Prince Andrew made his father doubly proud as he also presented his son with the coveted wings (on arm), as he also passed his helicopter course with flying colors.

Guyanese seeks top U.N. post

UNITED NATIONS, April 3 (AP) — If U.N. members want him for secretary-general Shridath S. Ramphal of Guyana has said here, "I am ready to serve." That made the Guyana ex-foreign minister the only man to say publicly that he was interested in getting that top U.N. post for the five-year term starting next Jan. 1. He was elected last July to a second five-year term as secretary-general of the Commonwealth in London.

Kurt Waldheim of Austria, nearing the end of his second five-year term as U.N. secretary-general, has declined to say whether he is available for re-election, though he does say that he likes the job and is generally believed to be interested in keeping it.

Martti Ahtisaari of Finland, U.N. commissioner for Namibia, has also been mentioned as a possible candidate. He is noncommittal, too. The next secretary-general will be chosen in December.



Shridath Ramphal

Emergency, curfew clamped on Belize after rioting

BELIZE CITY, April 3 (R) — A dusk-to-dawn curfew was clamped on this British Central American territory Thursday night following several days of street rioting and unconfirmed reports of shooting incidents in parts of the country. Earlier, Prime Minister George Price declared a state of emergency as demonstrations continued against last month's agreement between Britain and Guatemala settling the latter's long-standing claim on the territory.

Under the agreement Guatemala will accept Belize's independence, dropping its territorial claims in exchange for guaranteed access to the Caribbean and the use of Belizean ports. The Belizean government has

now banned the carrying of firearms and all public meetings and demonstrations.

It also declared as restricted a number of areas including public utilities, the airport, military and broadcasting facilities, cable and wireless and other government installations. Unconfirmed reports said there had been shooting incidents in the northern districts of Orange Walk and Corozal. No confirmation or further details were available.

The British governor, James Hennessey, said in a proclamation Thursday night that the state of emergency was to maintain law and order, protect life and property, and guarantee essential supplies and services to the population. Reliable sources said there

have been several outbreaks of violence and that three people have been arrested and charged with attempted arson.

In protest against the accord, public servants throughout Britain's last remaining colony on the American mainland have been on strike since the beginning of the week. The agreement would enable the territory, which already has internal self-government, to gain full independence by the end of the year.

Hennessey urged strikers to return to work immediately in a bid to bring the situation back to normal. But the chamber of commerce said Thursday night it was backing the public service union's instructions to its members to stay off work indefinitely.

U.N. preparing entertainers blacklist

LONDON, April 3 (AP) — A blacklist of pop stars and other entertainers who have performed in South Africa is being prepared by the United Nations Committee Against Apartheid, a U.N. Ambassador has said.

Ghana's U.N. Ambassador James Ghebo told a news conference here Thursday that the U.N. committee's blacklist issued last month of nearly 200 international sportsmen and women who have competed in racially segregated South Africa will be extended to include entertainers. "The committee has been concerned for some time with visits by entertainers to South Africa enticed by exorbitant payments and disregarding appeals for a boycott of South Africa," said Ghebo. His announcement came on the second day of a three-day international seminar in London organized by the U.N. committee.

Ghebo said work had started on the entertainers' blacklist, but gave no publication date. Among well-known stars who have toured South Africa are British singer Cliff Richard and black American singers Lovelace Watkins, Chubby Checker and the blind entertainer Ray Charles.

Richards, whose most recent South African tour was last November, is currently appearing at the Savoy Theater in New York. A spokesman for his London agents, Gormley Management, said Thursday night: "Cliff Richard has always insisted on playing to mixed audiences in South Africa. He would not sing before a whites-only audience and he does not support apartheid."

A South African black consciousness movement, the Azanian People's Organization, announced last month it was preparing an entertainers' blacklist. AZAPO forced Charles last October to cancel a Ray Charles concert in Soweto, the huge black township outside Johannesburg, when it organized a boycott.

The concert fell on the third anniversary, Oct. 19, of a crackdown by the white-minority government on black consciousness movements. Black militants later threw stones and shouted slogans when Charles appeared

Cultural boycott of South Africa

in Welkom, in South Africa's Orange Free State.

A concert by Lovelace Watkins, another AZAPO target, was cancelled in Welkom last month because of a black boycott. Ghebo said Thursday the entertainer blacklist, like the sports blacklist, was being compiled in terms of a U.N. General Assembly resolution

last year calling for a cultural boycott of South Africa.

About 100 nations, mainly of the Third World, have endorsed the U.N. committee's latest blacklist moves — which urge countries to ban the sportsmen or prevent their listed nationals traveling.

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11 killed, several hurt in Jamaican collision

KINGSTON, Jamaica April 3 (AP) — An empty haulage train and a bus with 80 passengers aboard collided at dusk Wednesday night, killing 11 persons and injuring scores, police said. Authorities said some of the dead were schoolchildren, but the exact number was not known immediately. The most seriously injured were taken to hospitals in Kingston, the capital.

The accident occurred about 48 kms southwest of Kingston, police said. First reports said the bus may have been racing to cross the tracks in front of the train. Authorities said the train's collided with the rear portion of the bus.

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Hong Kong's future

Peking allays fears of U.K., investors

PEKING, April 3 (AP) — Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping's assurances that investors in Hong Kong "can put their hearts at ease" are "completely satisfactory," British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington said Friday.

emphasis than to the governor (of Hong Kong) two years ago that investors in Hong Kong can put their hearts at ease.

Algeria ups gas supply to France

PARIS, April 3 (R) — Algeria's oil and gas company Sonatrach has said it will supply France with 20 to 25 per cent more liquefied natural gas this year than its contract requires, a spokesman of the Gaz de France (GDF) company has said.

Lord Carrington said he and Deng also discussed prospects for economic cooperation to mutual advantage in Hong Kong. He also discussed China's current economic retrenchment with Deng, a Communist Party vice chairman and China's top leader, and Premier Zhao Ziyang.

Dollar soars, gold gains

LONDON, April 3 (AP) — Rising tension in eastern Europe sent the American dollar up sharply in foreign exchanges Friday. Gold bullion moved higher too. The American currency began the day well with a rate of just over 213 yen in Tokyo, where trading ends before it begins in Europe.

Coal strike impact may transcend U.S.

WASHINGTON, April 3 (AP) — The effects of a strike by 160,000 coal miners in the U.S. could soon reach far beyond the coalfields — to American homes and factories, to other nations' fuel stockpiles and even to crisis-ridden Poland, according to official sources.

Accord prospects bleak

2-to-1. UMW President Sam Chute had warned rejection could lead to an even longer strike.

The strike comes amid growing domestic and foreign demand for coal. Many nations have been turning to the United States, the major coal exporter, because of problems in Australia and Poland, the next largest suppliers.

U.S. car output shows sharp rise

DETROIT, Michigan, April 3 (AFP) — The U.S. auto industry's output has improved markedly recently following a price cutting policy, but activity is still well down on the same period last year, the industry has reported.

Taipei concerned over oil imports

TAIPEI, April 3 (CNA) — The oil crisis is the biggest challenge to the economic development of the Republic of China, according to the nation's top economic planner.

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In Greensboro golf

Jay Haas, Kratzert tie for top place

GREENSBORO, North Carolina, April 4 (AP) — Bill Kratzert chipped in for the final birdie that set up a 4-under-par 68 and gave him a tie with Jay Haas for the first-round lead Thursday in the \$300,000 Greater Greensboro Open Golf Tournament.

Only a bogey on the last hole, where he drove into a fairway bunker, kept Lee Trevino away from a share of the lead.

Trevino, who last year won the Vardon trophy with the lowest average in 20 years, had reeled off a string of five consecutive birdies. He was in a tie for the top spot before he lost a stroke on the 18th hole at the 6,984-yard Forest Oaks Country Club course.

He was tied at 69 with George Burns, a three-time runner-up in this tournament, Leonard Thompson, Larry Nelson, Doug Black and rookie Tim Norris.

Tom Weiskopf, needing a victory here to qualify for next week's Masters, was three off the pace after a 71 in the warm, sunny weather.

Defending champion Craig Stadler shot 72 and Ben Crenshaw was another stroke back at 73. Bill Rogers, winner of last week's Heritage Classic, shot 75 and Masters champion Seve Ballesteros of Spain struggled to a 76. Ballesteros, a former Greensboro champion, must improve Friday if he is to qualify for the final two rounds Saturday and Sunday.

Meanwhile, Myra Van Hoose, playing the best golf of her life despite swirling, chilly winds, fired a 6-under-par 66 Thursday to take the first-round lead in the \$250,000 Colgate Dinah Shore Women's Golf Tournament.

Van Hoose, the 1980 Ladies Professional Golf Association rookie of the year, trimmed four strokes off par on the front nine, then had a 34 on the back nine of the par 36-36-72 Mission Hills Country Club course, a 6,242-yard layout. She had nine birdies and three bogeys during the round.

She held a 3-stroke lead over Judy Rankin, Jan Stephenson, Barbara Moyness and Penny Pulz after the first 18 holes of the 72-hole tournament, the women's richest.

Despite high winds making club selection a guessing game, scores were generally low, with 11 players bettering par.

"That's the best round I have ever shot," said Van Hoose, a 25-year-old who's seeking her first LPGA victory. "And it came in less than ideal conditions. After I made the turn, the wind was blowing so hard I decided I'd be happy to play the back side in even par. "I was hitting greens, I hit 16 of them, and rolling in putts," she continued.

A group of three golfers — Sandra Palmer, Carolyn Hill and Sally Little — were four strokes off the pace with opening 70s. Another trio, Nancy Lopez-Melton, Jane Blalock and Vicki Fergon, were another stroke back at 71.

Rankin, who won this tournament in 1976, said the wind did not particularly bother her. "The key is that I'm not proud. I'll hit a 3-iron 130 yards if it will work," she said. "I am good at club selection."

Rankin, troubled by a back problem recently, said she did not quit last week's tournament at Costa Mesa, California, because of similarly windy conditions, but because her back was causing her pain.



ENDURANCE TRIAL: Adventurer, Bruno Chalmers gets his car stuck plumb into the snow at Huez in the Alps and had to waste a month trying to pull out of trouble.

Antuokermo outpoints Aldana

Hope to fight Benitez on May 23

LONDON, April 3 (AP) — Maurice Hope of Britain is to defend his World Boxing Council junior-middleweight boxing title against Wilfredo Benitez of Puerto Rico at Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas, on May 23, promoter Mickey Duff announced Thursday.

"The purse will be a record for a world title fight in this division," said Duff.

Hope won the world title in March, 1979, when he stopped Rocky Marciano in eight rounds in San Remo. The 25-year-old Antigua-born southpaw has successfully defended the title on three occasions.

Benitez, leading contender for the welterweight title, won the junior-welter title in 1976 with a points win over Antonio Cervantes.

In Chicago, Italian boxer Vito Antuokermo, former world middleweight champion, won on points in 10 rounds here Thursday over Mauricio Aldana of Mexico.

Antuokermo, who had an operation last November to make the skin on his face tougher, was bleeding in the first round after being hit in the face.

He also fell twice in the first round but then

started to regain control of the fight for his 47th win (against five losses and two draws) by a unanimous decision. Aldana now has 23 wins, 12 losses and one draw.

Meanwhile, World Boxing Association hantamweight champion Jeff Chandler of the United States will risk his title Sunday night against Japanese challenger Eijiro Murata, the world's No. 1 contender. The 24-year-old Chandler will be defending his title for the second time.

Both fighters were said to be in good physical condition for the 15-round encounter at the 10,000-seat Tokyo Kuramae Sio (wrestling) Hall.

The undefeated Chandler, who has won all his fights in the United States, said he is sure of retaining his 118-pound (53.52-kilogram) fight.

Murata, also 24, said he will fight his best to wrest the title once held by Japanese boxers. Murata is also the reigning orient-Pacific Boxing Federation's hantamweight champion.

WBA's executive secretary, said "it's going

to be a great fight. Both boxers are good and in top shape."

In another bout, French light-welterweight champion Jo Kimpuani will fight American Benji Goldstone at Petite Synthe, France, on Saturday in a warm-up for his May 22 title bout against World Boxing Council (WBC) light-welterweight champion Saoul Mamby of the United States.

Kimpuani had been scheduled to fight Italian Francesco Gallo on Saturday but the Italian Federation refused to allow Gallo to fight, calling him "unworthy to meet in the ring with Jo Kimpuani."

"It flatters us too much and causes us too many problems" was the French champion's manager Andre Vercoutter's reaction to the Italian decision.

Goldstone has won 24 out of his 30 fights and has 13 knockouts to his credit, the most outstanding being of American Eddy Campbell in 1980.

McEnroe whips Portes

FRANKFURT, West Germany April 3 (AP) — First-seeded American John McEnroe breezed past French opponent Pascale Portes 6-1, 6-0 in the fourth day of the \$175,000 Grand Prix Tennis Tournament Thursday.

McEnroe needed only 59 minutes to defeat Portes and advance to quarter final play where he will face American Brian Teacher.

Romanian Ilie Nastase defeated American lefthander Roscoe Tanner 6-4, 7-6 and Mexico's Raul Ramirez slipped by U.S. opponent Vitas Gerulaitis 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Gerulaitis won the first set in hard fought play, but Ramirez outmaneuvered Gerulaitis at the net, sending him to defeat in the last two sets.

Switzerland's Heinz Guenthardt also joined the winner's circle in Thursday's competition by defeating Brian Gottfried of the United States 7-6, 6-4 before a crowd of 2000.

In doubles play, Brian Gottfried teamed with Mexican Raul Ramirez to defeat Poland's Wojtek Fibak and Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia 6-4, 6-3. Rod Frawley (Australia) and Christopher Mottram (England) defeated Americans Stan Smith and Bob Lutz 6-2, 6-3.

West Germans Harald Theissen and Stefan Ziegen overpowered Stanislav Birner (Czechoslovakia) and Jan Norback (Sweden) 7-6, 6-3.

Meanwhile, top-seeded Claudia Kohde, West Germany, breezed to a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Yvonne Vermaak, South Africa. Thursday night and moved into the semi-finals of the \$50,000 Avon Futures Tennis Tournament.

Second-seeded American Kathy Horvath struggled through a three-hour 37-minute marathon before eliminating another American Pam Casale 7-5, 2-6, 7-6. The tie-breaker in the final set went 13-11 before Horvath finally won.

American Ann Kiyomura also moved into Saturday's semi-finals with a 6-0, 7-6 victory over Sue Leo, Australia.

In an earlier match, Lena Sandin, Sweden, ranked sixth, rallied from a first set loss to eliminate the No. 7 seed, Marianne Van Der Torj, the Netherlands, 3-6, 6-0, 6-1.

Leo plays Sandin and Horvath plays Vermaak in loser-out contests Friday. The winners join Kohde and Kiyomura in the semi-finals. Doubles competition also begins Friday.

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Maqsood, Daulat extended

LONDON, April 3 (R) — Former champion Qamar Zaman of Pakistan breezed through the second round of the British Open Squash Championship Thursday. The World No. 1 and second seed beat Australian Chris Dittmar 9-3, 9-5, 9-5 for a place in the last 16.

Dittmar said: "It was a real education playing someone as good as Zaman. When we were at the back of the court it was fine but once he got to the front I was dead."

Zaman, who halted Australian Geoff Hunt's seven-title haul by taking the crown in 1975, was joined by compatriots Maqsood Ahmed and Daulat Khan.

Former world amateur champion Maqsood defeated compatriot Atlas Khin 7-9, 9-3, 9-5, 9-1 and Daulat eliminated England international Peter Verow 9-1, 7-9, 9-4, 9-6.

Zaman's next opponent will be Gawan Briars of Britain, his country's top representative now that Jonah Barrington is out of the event because of illness.

Briars beat compatriot Steve Butman 9-7, 9-0, 9-6 and will play Zaman on Saturday. The tall, slender Briars, 23 that day, is looking forward to the match.

"Zaman is different to every other player in the world for he is so unpredictable. You never know where he is going to hit the ball next," the tall Briars said.

Jahangir Khan, the 17-year-old Pakistani expected by many to oppose Hunt in the final, advanced by beating compatriot Sohail Qaisar 9-2, 9-3, 9-7. Others through to the third round were Pakistanis Gogi Alauddin and Hiddy Jaban and Dean Williams of Australia.



JOINT WINNERS: Dick Beardsey of the United States (left) and Inge Simonsen of Norway hold their hands in victory after they jointly crossed the finishing line to win the first-ever London Marathon Sunday.

Bangladesh Green scores

DACCA, Bangladesh, April 3 (AP) — Bangladesh Green Thursday defeated Iraq 3-1 in the President's Gold Cup Football Tournament in Dacca. Bangladesh Green led 1-0 at half-time.

A total of six foreign and two local teams are vying for the coveted cup.

Meanwhile, World Cup striker Paolo Rossi, out of soccer since last summer

because of his alleged part in Italy's bribery scandal, is to join First Division Giants Juventus, his club announced.

Giuseppe Farina, president of Second Division Lanerossi-Vicenza, said he signed the preliminary transfer agreement with Juventus president Giampiero Boniperti.

Rossi, 24, was suspended by the Italian Football Association disciplinary commission, although he was cleared by a state court of any part in the scandal that rocked Italy last year.

His club said details of the possible multi-million dollar transfer, which could involve the exchange of players, would be announced later.

Rossi was originally shared by Vicenza, a First Division club at the time, and Juventus, but Vicenza bought out the Juventus holding in a complex deal three years ago. In 1979 Vicenza, relegated to the Second Division, agreed to a loan transfer to First Division side Perugia.

76ers scrape past Pacers

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, April 3 (AP) — Julius Erving scored 23 points Thursday night as the Philadelphia 76ers, turning back a third-quarter Indiana rally, beat the Pacers 96-85 for a two-game sweep of their best-of-three first-round National Basketball Association playoffs.

Meanwhile, Nippon Kyokan of Japan, and August First of China continued their struggle at the top of the table with victories in the Asian qualifying round of the World Basketball Clubs' Championship Thursday night.

China fought off a strong second-half challenge by small and medium industry Bank of South Korea to win 97-73 after leading 48-29 at half-time.

Japan, also had to work hard before beating Negeriselangor of Malaysia 92-73. The Japanese led 48-46 at half-time.

Wales improves chances Belgium drops point

KUALA LUMPUR, April 3 (AP) — Belgium's pride took a knock when they were held to a 1-1 draw by Ireland in their Group "B" Inter-continental Cup Hockey match at the Kilat Club ground here Friday morning.

The Belgium team, who had three victories in as many outings before this, had themselves to blame for dropping their vital point, and thus making their way to the semi-finals a bit difficult.

It was Belgium who drew first blood in the 11th minute through star-forward Eric Van Den Benden.

Undaunted, the Irishmen maintained their momentum and finally were rewarded in the 56th minute through Mark Burns, who beautifully connected Meeker's cross from the left.

In another match, Wales collected two more points and enhanced their hopes of a place in the semifinals when they defeated Japan 3-2 in a Group "A" match.

Through the score showed a keenly fought match, it was the Welsh who dominated the play throughout. Only complacency took the

end of both halves allowed the Japanese to slam in two goals.

The Japanese, who were once a feared team, played unimaginative hockey and poor stoppings caused them their third defeat from four outings.

The Welsh opened accounts in the 15th minute through Robert Catrall off a long-crocker when Japanese goalkeeper Taketoshi Ozaki padded the ball out from a penalty-corner taken by Catrall earlier.

Catrall's stinging shot was stopped by defender Seiji Ishihara on the goal line but, without hesitation, umpire I. Faulkner of New Zealand signaled for a goal.

Wales went two-up in the 23rd minute through center-forward David Mark Thomas who rushed forward to push the ball home after Catrall's penalty-corner shot was saved by Ozaki.

One of their rare attacks, Japan reduced the deficit through center-forward Katsuhiko Nishimura who pushed the ball into an empty goal after goalkeeper David Austin Savage was beaten by Kazumasa Imai's solo effort.

FINA to probe charges against U.S. swimmer

SYDNEY, Australia, April 3 (AP) — The International Swimming Federation will investigate allegations that an American swimmer used an illegal breast-stroke kick at two major meetings earlier this year.

The secretary of the Federation, Robert Helmick, said Friday the issue had arisen after reports on the action of American swimmer Tracy Galkins at the Paris International meet in February and a similar meeting in Holland two weeks earlier.

"Some swimmers are now using an up-and-down dolphin kick instead of their feet staying on the same level, and this is giving them a decided advantage," Helmick said.

"The FINA bureau is seeking urgent clarification from its technical committee, because such a change could have a big impact on training for this stroke."

A three-day FINA meeting concluded here Friday with the official signing by Ecuador of the contract to stage the 1982 World Swimming Championships.

Meanwhile, in London, the British National Short-Course Swimming Championships got underway at Barnes Thursday with the following events going through:

MEN: 1,500m, freestyle: 1. P. Easter (Norwich), 2. D. Stacey (Norwich), 3. A.

Brown (Coventry), 7 min. 38.23 sec.

200m, freestyle: 1. G. Collins (Miltonfield), 2. 1. A. Brown (Southampton), 3. P. Morris (Southwell), 2:12.35 sec.

200m breaststroke: 1. J. Davey (Manchester), 2. M. Farrer (South Tynteside), 3. J. Rindoff (Coventry), 2:39.23 sec.

WOMEN: 400m, freestyle: 1. J. Croft (Aigant), 2. S. Kinnell (Swiss Cottage), 3. M. Charles (London), 4:13.45 sec.

200m breaststroke: 1. S. Brownson (Royal Tunbridge Wells), 2. K. Jones (Pontypool), 3. G. Stanley (Aigant), 2:52.08 sec.

100m, butterfly: 1. A. Osgerby (Aigant), 2. J. Traynham (Miltonfield), 3. J. Osgerby (Aigant), 1:02.19 sec.

Korchnoi regains lead

LAJNE, PINE, California, April 3 (AP) — Viktor Korchnoi of Switzerland has regained the lead in the Louis D. Statham International Chess Tournament. Korchnoi moved back into the lead spot Thursday with a victory over Kauran Shraef of Iran.

Out of a possible total of five points so far, Korchnoi has 4½ points after winning four games and drawing with Bent Larsen of Denmark.

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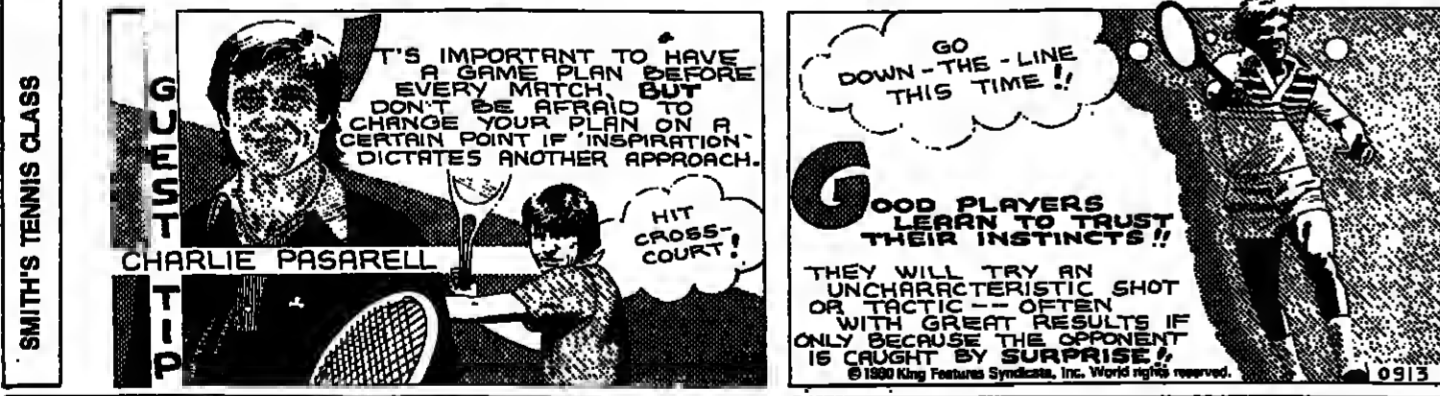
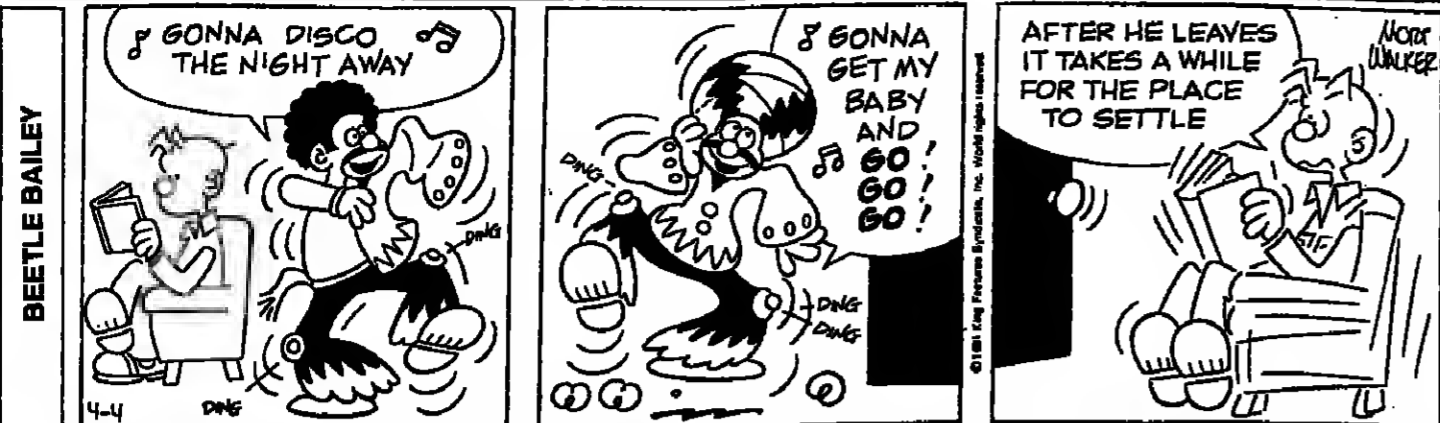
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Crossword by THOMAS JOSEPH. ACROSS: 1 Rover's friend, 5 Peggy, 9 Sacred image, 10 Like a short play, 13 Afford, 14 Duds, 15 Break fast, 16 Garcon's season, 17 Man's nickname, 18 Iranian's ancestor, 20 Frolic, 21 Worked like a dog, 23 Voiced, 24 Abdul-Jabbar is one, 25 Undergo, 26 Maintain, 27 Roman magistrate's symbol, 28 Man bites dog, e.g., 29 'The Bambino', 30 Song syllable, 31 Favorite, 32 Paddle, 35 Begrudged, 37 Prima donna, 38 Thru, 39 See 9 Across, 40 Nimble, 41 Confined. DOWN: 1 'The Ipcress...', 2 'What's the big—?', 3 Tony Curtis film (1967), 4 Out of use, 5 Like a sick tongue, 6 Stake, 7 Congeal, 8 Atlantic coast, 9 Reduce to ashes, 11 Certain oranges, 16 Fulda, 17 Little Wilfred, 19 Tinker's partner, 20 Friars Club event, 21 Blasted river, 22 One of the Andrews sisters, 25 High-strung, 27 Little Wilfred, 31 Titled person, 33 Bard's river, 34 Bombast, 36 Fixie, 37 Douse.

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From intelligence reports

U.S. fears Soviet bid in Poland

WASHINGTON, April 3 (R) — The Reagan administration has voiced increased concern about a possible Soviet military move into Poland after receiving what officials described as sensitive new intelligence reports. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger said Thursday that the Soviet Union had taken actions in the past day or two to increase its ability to intervene.

There was, however, some disagreement in the State Department about the significance of the new reports. One of the officials keeping a close watch on Polish developments said: "I don't equate contingency planning with intentions and I do not believe the Soviets have made any decision."

Genscher tells Soviets to avoid interference

MOSCOW, April 3 (AP) — West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher Friday urged all countries to follow a policy of "non-interference" in Poland's affairs and appealed for an "independent, nonaligned Afghanistan free from Soviet troops."

Soviet-American dialogue has an eminent meaning for this," Brezhnev's proposal, Genscher said, was "highly regarded and praised throughout the West." Reagan has said he will tie a summit meeting to Soviet international behavior.

imminent and warned the Kremlin that military action to crush Poland's labor revolt would have serious consequences. The latest expressions of concern coincided with a visit to Washington by Polish Deputy Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Jagielski. He had talks with Vice President George Bush who later announced that the United States would help Poland ease its food shortage by supplying surplus dried milk and butter at reduced prices. The State Department said the U.S. would sell \$70 million worth of surplus food and would accept non-convertible Polish currency as payment.

Another of Poland's deputy prime ministers, Mieczyslaw Rakowski, said in a television interview broadcast in New York Thursday night that the Warsaw government could not make any more concessions to the Solidarity union movement. "We don't have room to maneuver," he said. Rakowski said Poland must not allow the radicals to take over in Solidarity because the country would "enter an extremely dangerous period of its existence which could lead to the end of Polish statehood... and national catastrophe."



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Yugoslavia restricts reporters after riots

BELGRADE, April 3 (AP) — Yugoslav officials said Friday they had banned travel by reporters to the capital of the province of Kosovo where emergency restrictions were imposed after demonstrations by Albanian nationalists. In reporting the travel ban, which covers both foreign and Yugoslav reporters, a federal official also claimed demonstrators in one incident had used children as shields and fired at police.

Salvador liberators attacked

SAN SALVADOR, April 3 (AP) — Warplanes and infantry have struck positions of liberation forces in the mountains near Guazapa trying to rout a force believed to number 500 men, witnesses returning from the area said.

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UNITED NATIONS, April 3 (R) — The world's population, estimated at 4.437 billion in 1980, could soar to 8.3 billion by the year 2025, according to a recently published U.N. report. Projections prepared by the U.N. indicate population totals of 6.1 billion for the year 2000 and 7 billion by 2100. Thirty years ago, the figure was 2.5 billion.

By the end of the first quarter of the next century, it is projected that 83 per cent of the world's population will be living in what are now the developing countries, compared with 74 per cent at present. Projections for the year 2025 also anticipate a tripling of the population of Africa, a doubled population in South Asia, an increase of 150 per cent in Latin America, and an increase of a little below 50 per cent in China.

Three Indians die, scores hurt in fresh violence

NEW DELHI, April 3 (AP) — Three persons, including one policeman, were reported killed and scores wounded as violence erupted Friday during an opposition-sponsored general strike in the Marxist-ruled state of West Bengal in eastern India. Chief IRA men kill constable

The United News of India (UNI) reported that police also lobbed teargas shells and swung cane clubs to disperse rioters battling each other in various places. UNI said that the trouble took place when members of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Congress Party, which is in opposition in West Bengal, clashed with leftists who opposed the strike. At least 100 followers of Mrs. Gandhi were arrested on various charges, it said.

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